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NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 130,836 for the month of February, 2003. This figure represents a decrease of 7.14% as compared to February, 2002.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings</i>	<i>Percent of Inc/Dec. from 2/02</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	59,394	-5.7%	45.4%
<i>Commuter Fare:</i>	58,003	-9.3%	44.3%
<i>Cars Pulling Trailers:</i>	3,714	-7.3%	2.8%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	9,725	-2.0%	7.5%
<i>Totals:</i>	130,836		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2003 has totaled 272,986 vehicles; this represents a decrease of 8.27 % as compared to 2002. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 73,508,000 vehicles have crossed the structure.

Manager's Note: At the February 7th Joint International Bridge Authority (JIBA) meeting the board heard a presentation from a New York based engineering company representative who conducted the 41st annual inspection of the International Bridge. The representative reported, "the overall condition of the bridge is good, and the structure is well maintained." There were more maintenance repair items completed in 2002 than in any single year of the history of the bridge. The list of maintenance repair items to be addressed in 2003 is the lowest number in recent history. The JIBA issued a formal "Resolution of Recognition," acknowledging the outstanding efforts made by the International Bridge maintenance staff.

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